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SUBJECT: ALLEGED IRANIAN AGGRESSION AGAINST IRAQ

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1. IRAQI MEDIA COMPLETELY DOMINATED BY GOI AND POPULAR ORGANIZATIONS' CONDEMNATION OF "IRANIAN ARMED AGGRESSION" AGAINST IRAQ AS RESULT ALLEGED DOWNING OF TWO IRAQI PLANES BY "AMERICAN HWK MISSILES" ON DECEMBER 14 AND 15 INSIDE IRAQI AIR SPACE. GENERAL STAFF STATEMENT OF DEC 16 WARNED THAT "IRAN AND THOSE WHO STAND BEHIND IT SHALL BEAR THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR ACTS."

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2. FMA STATEMENT PUBLISHED DEC 18 STATES INTER ALIA THAT AGGRESSION "CONSTITUTED IN FACT, ACT OF INTERVENTION AND AGGRESSION BY AMERICAN IMPERIALISM" AND IS PART OF TOTAL ACTIVITIES IN REGION CARRIED OUT BY U.S. TO SERVE "ITS NOTORIOUS POLICY OF AGGRESSION". STATEMENT SAID SCOPE AND TYPE OF WEAPONS REPRESENTED NEW STAGE OF IRANIAN INTERVENTION. (ASSUME TEXTS AVAILABLE FROM FBIS.)

3. MFA CALLED IN ALL NON-ARAB CHIEFS OF MISSION 1200 DEC 18 AND GAVE THEM FOLLOWING NOTE (COPY NOT GIVEN TO USINT):
"MFA HAS HONOR TO INFORM THAT OFFICE OF CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF ISSUED YESTERDAY A STATEMENT ABOUT SHOOTING DOWN OF TWO IRAQI PLANES WHILE FLYING AT A HIGH ALTITUDE WITHIN IRAQI AIR SPACE IN NORTHERN AREA OF COUNTRY BY U.S.-MADE HAWK ROCKETS SUPPLIED TO AND USED BY IRANIAN ARMED FORCES ON 14TH AND 15TH OF DECEMBER 1974. ESTEEMED DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS WERE PREVIOUSLY INFORMED ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS OF SOME ASPECTS OF RECURRENT IRANIAN ACTS OF AGGRESSION, LATEST OF WHICH WAS THE SHELLING OF QALA DAZA AREA WITH HEAVY ARTILLERY OF 175 MMS. AND 203 MMS CALIBRE ON 29TH, 30TH, AND 31ST OCTOBER 1974. WHICH ARE ALSO U.S.-MADE WEAPONS SUPPLIED TO AND USED BY IRANIAN ARMED FORCES.

"PROVING SOURCE OF SUCH ROCKETS AND MISSILES HARDLY REQUIRES ANY EVIDENCE SINCE SUCH HEAVY WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION CAN BE POSSESSED AND EMPLOYED ONLY BY STATES HAVING REGULAR FORCES AND MASSIVE FINANCING. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GROUP OF REBELS DISPERSED ON REMOTEST FRONTIER OF THE COUNTRY TO BE IN POSSESSION OF WEAPONS OF SUCH MAGNITUDE AND MODERNITY.

"EVER SINCE ITS UNILATERAL ABROGATION OF BOUNDARY TREATY OF 1937 BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, IRAAN HAS RESORTED TO ACTS OF INFRINGEMENT, VIOLATION AND ENCROACHMENT AGAINST THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF IRAQ WHETHER ON ITS EASTERN FRONTIER OR ITS NATIONAL WATERS BACKED BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN THE INTERESTS OF IMPERIALISM IN THE AREA, INTERFERING THEREBY IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF IRAQ ON VARIOUS PRETEXTS, IGNORING EVERY INTERNATIONAL CUSTOM AND VIOLATING UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND PROVISIONS OF TREATY OF 1937. WHILE DOING ALL THIS, IRAN IS FULLY AWARE OF FACT THAT IT IS COMMITTING AGGRESSION AGAINST AN INDEPENDENT NEIGHBOR STATE AND A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

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"MINISTRY WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO ATTENTION OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THROUGH ESTEEMED DIPLOMATIC CORPS GRAVE CONSEQUENCES ENSUING FROM ENCROACHMENTS AND ACTS OF AGGRESSION BY IRAN AGAINST

SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ. SUCH GRAVE CONSEQUENCES THREATEN PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE AREA.

"MINISTRY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXPRESS RESOLVE AND DETERMINATION OF GOVERNMENT OF REPUBLIC OF IRAQ TO SAFE-GUARD THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF THE HOMELAND AND TO PRESERVE ITS FULL RIGHTS. THUS IT HOLDS THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT AND THOSE WHO STAND BEHIND IT RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE CONSEQUENCES AND RESULTS ENSUING FROM THE ENCROACHMENTS AND ACTS OF AGGRESSION IT COMMITS. WHILE REQUESTING THE COMMUNICATION OF THE FOREGOING TO THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS, THE MINISTRY AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION."

4. ALTHOUGH AGOVE TRANSMITTED UNCLASSIFIED IT SHOULD NOT BE RELEASED. COMMENT BY SEPTEL. LOWRIE

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